Furuno ECDIS training in Singapore

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Type specific ECDIS training for the new FMD-3200/FMD-3300 ECDIS series is now available at Furuno’s INS Training Centre in Singapore, following on from the establishment of similar programmes in Denmark and Germany.

Furuno says that the training programme, developed by INSTC Denmark, helps to comply with the STCW and ISM Codes as well as current requirements from various flag states.

“The FMD-3200/FMD-3300 ECDIS is the first ECDIS in the market providing task-based operation,” says Mads Friis Sorensen, branch manager of Furuno European branch office. He explains that the tools needed for a specific task are made available while other tools are hidden, so that the menu structure shows a maximum of two menu layers at any time.

“The task-based operation philosophy was developed based on field studies on board vessels and through focus groups testing the user interface and commenting on the intuitiveness of it. It reflects the actual tasks performed by the navigators on board the vessel,” says Mr Sorensen.

INSTC Singapore has installed new training workstations for the FMD-3200/FMD-3300, which is based on real equipment. The plan is to have a total of eight training workstations for the new ECDIS.

INSTC Singapore has had its instructors trained through ‘train-the-trainer’ programme in order for them to be able to deliver the new course to the navigators.

The next country where FMD-3200/FMD-3300 training will be available is the Philippines, at the COMPASS (Competent Maritime Professionals and Sea Staff) Training Centre and VERITAS Maritime Training Centre.